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1. During the last week of July 1947 a group of leading Communists of the Province of Buenos Aires called on the Governor, Domingo A. Mercante, to assure him of Communist support for his "Three Year" plan. The group included Pedro Chiaranti, Jose A. Spagnolo, and Baldonero Valera. Arrangements for this meeting were made by Chiaranti, who took advantage of an old friendship with Hugo Mercante, brother of Domingo and Minister of Public Works in the Province of Buenos Aires.  
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2.                      the Communists, in an effort to win the friendship and trust of the authorities in the Province, have issued orders to Party members that no opposition should be raised to the Three Year plan.                      Mercante was interested in Communist support because of their great influence among the syndicates in Avellaneda, Berisso, and Zarate. This support would be a counter-balance to the control of those groups by Cipriano Reyes, the Laborista leader, whose influence is on the increase.

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